

**BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE REVIEW PANEL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 28, 2010

**Meeting No.:** 117

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**Project:** MD Public Health Lab Project

**Phase:** Continued Schematic

**Location:** North Side Ashland Avenue - NEBC

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**PRESENTATION:**

Dan Rew of HDR Architects presented revisions to this project in response to Panel comments of October 14, 2010.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL:**

Members of the Panel commented as follows:

1. To question detail and actual appearance of standing seam metal siding, generally proposed.
2. To express the view that the architect's response to previous comments is in general convincing.
3. To see the palette of finish materials as a bit too busy but the design of the whole nonetheless attractive.
4. To see the pergola expression as somewhat unrelated to other south elevation elements.
5. To see some confusion of expression at the southwest stair tower with its partial dropping screen.
6. To express interest in proposed MICA input regarding landscaping, south elevation and entrance area.
7. To see the entrance as under-emphasized. Could adjacent expressions – wall façade at left and right and above at roof terrace somehow lead the eye to the entrance? A stronger canopy would help.
8. To see the palette of materials of facade and landscape as “over busy”.
9. To warn about hedge maintenance, which in Baltimore has generally been disappointing.

**PANEL ACTION:**

The Panel approves this schematic presentation with enthusiasm and looks forward to the final submission.

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**Attending:**

Scott Levitan – Forest City – New East Baltimore Partnership

Josh Neiman - MEDCO

Dan Rew, Simon Trumble – HDR CUH2A

Jay Brodie – BDC

Ms. Eig; Messrs. Bowden, Ramberg, Britt and Cameron – Panel

Tom Stosur, Wolde Ararsa, Natasha Becker, Anthony Cataldo, Bob Quilter - Planning